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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, LA, FR
SUBJECT: LAO INVITE FRENCH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO VISIT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. LAO PRESS JULY 21 REPORTED LPDR
PREVIOUS DAY EXTENDED THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSY AN INVITATION
TO GOF TO SEND DELEGATION TO DISCUSS RANGE OF BILATERAL
RELATIONS FOLLOWING CHANGE IN LAO SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.
PRESS REPORTED VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE LATE AUGUST. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DUZER TOLD EMBOFF
HE HAD PASSED ON INVITATION TO PARIS BUT HE HAD NO IDEA WHETHER
IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED OR WHEN VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE. DUZER IS
LEAVING IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO RETURN TO FRANCE FOR ABOUT THREE
WEEKS.

3. LAO MFA DIRECTOR PACIFIC AND WESTERN AFFAIRS SOMBAT
CHOUNLAMANY SEPARATELY TOLD EMBOFF THAT LAO WANTED TO REPLACE
AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BY PREVIOUS ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT WITH
FRANCE.

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4. LAO INVITATION IN FACT SEEMS TO BE RESPONSE TO OFFER
FRENCH MADE IN SPRING OF 1976 TO HOLD TALKS WITH LAO ON
RANGE OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING AID AND COMPENSATION FOR
TAKEOVER OF BANK OF INDOCHINA AND BREWERY IN WHICH
FRENCH HAD INTERST. LAO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY RESPONDED TO
FRENCH INITIATIVE. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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